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SUBJECT: POLYTECHNION ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

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1. POLYTECHNION ANNIVERSARY WAS OBSERVED IN NORTHERN GREECE WITH SERIES OF EVENTS, MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH WAS MASS MEETING AND MARCH IN THESSALONIKI AFTERNOON OF NOV. 17. THIS WAS BY FAR THE LARGEST SUCH DEMONSTRATION HERE SINCE FALL OF THE JUNTA. MARCH FOLLOWING MEETING FILLED ENTIRE STREET IN FRONT OF CONSULATE AND TOOK AN HOUR TO PASS. EVENT WAS ORGANIZED BY THESSALONIKI MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, THE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNING BODY AND THE VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTIES. AS USUAL KKE (EXT) AND PASOK WERE BEST ORGANIZED OF THE MARCHERS WITH LARGEST NUMBER OF PLACARDS AND WELL-REHEARSED CHANTS. CHANTS THEMSELVES WERE STANDARD "OUT AMERICANS" AND "OUT OF NATO", BUT IN FRONT OF CONSULATE "THEY KILLED OUR CHILDREN" WITH FISTS AND FINGERS POINTED TOWARDS OUR BUILDING WAS ADDED. AN AMERICAN FLAG WAS ALSO BURNED IN FRONT OF BUILDING. ASIDE FROM FLAG BURNING, MARCH WAS PEACEFUL AND POLICE ASSISTED BY STUDENT MARSHALS PROVIDED EXCELLENT PROTECTION. CONSULATE TOOK  
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NORMAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS.

2. OTHER POLYTECHNION ANNIVERSARY EVENTS IN THESSALONIKI INCLUDED LARGE AND PEACEFUL MEETING ORGANIZED BY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES EVENING OF NOV. 16 AND SEVERAL MEMORIAL SERVICES NOV. 17. NEW DEMOCRACY YOUTH HELD RALLY EVENING OF NOV. 17 SEPARATELY FROM MAIN DEMONSTRATION AND MARCH IN PROTEST OF LEFTIST CHARACTER OF THIS EVENT. COMMEMORATIVE MEETINGS WERE ALSO HELD IN KAVALA, ALEXANDROUPOLIS AND OTHER MAJOR POPULATION CENTERS IN AREA.  
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